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Examiners: Piazza Corcoran;  
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**Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING RECLOSEABLE  
BAGS UTILIZING ZIPPER MATERIAL**

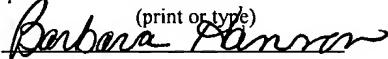
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION**

Dear Sir:

This response is being concurrently submitted with a Certificate of Correction for correction of the claim of priority under CFR §1.78(a)(2) for the above-issued patent.

Applicants filed a petition on September 24, 2004, to correct an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of prior-filed nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/415,696, filed October 12, 1999. The petition was dismissed by the Office resulting in Applicants filing a renewed petition on February 22, 2005.

Applicants received a Requirement for Information notice from the Office dated June 6, 2005, in which the Office stated that Applicants' renewed petition did not reach the Office in time prior the above-identified application issuing as U.S. Patent No. 6,863,754. In the Requirement for Information notice, the Office asks Applicants to file a Certificate of Correction, by which the claim of priority on the face of the issued patent can be corrected.

Accordingly, Applicants are concurrently submitting herewith as an attached paper, a Certificate of Correction by which the claim of priority on the face of the issued patent is corrected.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Certificate of Correction should be issued without any expense to the Applicants under 37 CFR § 1.322, because the filing thereof is now necessitated through the fault of the Office as clearly expressed in the Request for Information notice. According to the Office, Applicants' renewed petition did not reach the appropriate official in sufficient time to aver the issuance of the application into the issued patent. However, Applicants timely filed the renewed petition for claiming priority on February 22, 2005. Accordingly, the necessity for filing the Certificate of Correction is clearly through the fault of the Office. Therefore, under 37 CFR § 1.322, Applicants submit that the Certificate of Correction should be issued without any expense to the Applicants. However, should the Office disagree with the Applicants regarding the fee for filing the Certificate of Correction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 22-0259.

Applicants respectfully request a favorable decision on the renewed petition for claiming priority in the present application. Applicants also respectfully request entry of the attached Certificate of Correction upon a favorable decision on the renewed petition. If there are any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 312-609-7848.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: APPARATUS AND ) CORRECTION OF PATENT FOR PTO  
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Sir:

Attached is Form PTO/SB/44 with errors and changes requested. The exact location where the errors occur in the Certificate of Correction is on the face of the patent, under "Related U.S. Application Data."

Please send the corrected Certificate to:

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ISSUE DATE : March 8, 2005

INVENTOR(S) : Donald K. Wright, et al.

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the face of the patent, under "Related U.S. Application Data", please add the following after "1988" and before the period ending the sentence:

-- and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/415,696, filed October 12, 1999. --

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.322, 1.323, and 1.324. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Attention Certificate of Corrections Branch, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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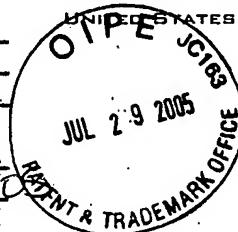
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Application No. 10/039,527 : REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION  
Filed: November 7, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 212760.01.9053 :

A petition was filed, on September 24, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the benefit of prior-filed nonprovisional Application No. 09/415,696, filed October 12, 1999. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed January 14, 2005. On February 22, 2005, a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) was filed.

The decision on the renewed petition is being held in abeyance for a period of TWO MONTHS from the date of this communication to permit petitioner to address the following matter.

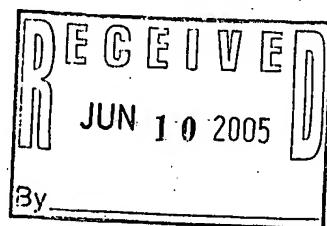
As stated above, the renewed petition was filed on February 22, 2005. However, the petition did not reach the appropriate official in sufficient time to avert the issuance of the application into U.S. Patent No. 6,863,754 on March 8, 2005. Therefore, petitioner is encouraged to submit a Certificate of Correction (fee \$100) to include the benefit claim for Application No. 09/415,696, filed October 12, 1999.

The response to this Requirement for Information should include a cover letter entitled "Response to Requirement for Information."

At the end of the two month period specified above, a decision will be rendered on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) as supplemented by any information submitted in response to this Requirement for Information.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Sherry D. Brinkley at (571) 272-3204.

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